[Mr. N. Nilakanda Pillai.]

**Darbar Physician and Private Practice.**

254. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has been brought to their notice that, in places where the Darbar Physician is carrying on private practice, patients and their guardians are put to great difficulties on account of the refusal by the other doctors of the Medical Department, for fear of their superior, to visit the patients in urgent cases in which their services become necessary?

(*b*) Do the Government propose to take any measures to remedy the hardships of the public resulting from this state of affairs?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

**Darbar Physician's Travelling Allowance and Private Practice.**

255 MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that some of the subordinates of the Darbar Physician are inviting him to distant places to visit patients?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Darbar Physician is getting mileage and batta from Government for such visits?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether, for treating Mr. N. A. Mahomed Kunju, the Darbar Physician received mileage and batta from the Government?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: I claim notice.

**Appointments made by Mr. Van Ross.**

256. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether statements regarding the appointments made by Mr. Van Ross before and after the reorganisation of the Excise Department have been obtained from him?

(*b*) If they have not done so as yet, will they get these statements and lay them on the table?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: (*a*) Heads of Departments need not ordinarily send statements of appointments made under powers delegated to them.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know whether Government have not received statements from the Excise Commissioner?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: No such statements have been received.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to call for such a statement?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: The answer is contained in the answer already given to part (*b*).

**Cases of Robbery between Nemam and Parassala.**

257. MR. M. N. PILLAI: (*a*) Are the Government aware that there have been many instances of highway robbery between Nemam and Parassala during night-time?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many such cases have been reported and investigated and how many brought to conviction?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) & (*b*) There was only one reported case of highway robbery between Nemam and Parassala. The case was reported in Kanni, 1097, in the Neyyattinkara Station. The accused was arrested with the stolen property and convicted.

MR. M. N. PILLAI: Are the Government aware that an attempt was made, about two months ago, on a member of this Council near the 14th milestone on the main southern road?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The answer is in the negative.

MR. M. N. PILLAI: Are there any reported cases of theft in the above area, and if so, how many?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: I claim notice.

**Cattle killed by Wild Animals.**

258. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: What is the total number of cattle owned by the ryots in the hilly tracts of Tovala and Kalkulam which have been killed by tigers and leopards since the commencement of 1098?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: Government have no information.

**Alleged Theft of Stationery from the Huzur English Records.**

259. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: (*a*) Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that some reams of paper were recently stolen from the Huzur English Records Room by one of the employees there?

(*b*) Was the thief caught by the police along with the stolen articles?

(*c*) Has the case been charged? If not, will the Government be pleased to mention the reason for not doing so?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to mention the official designation and name of the person who stole the paper?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to make a strict enquiry into the matter?

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